

MEMORANDUM FOR
PETITION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254 FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN
STATE CUSTODY

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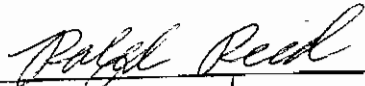
RALPH REED
Petitioner,

V.

THOMAS L. CARROLL
Delaware correctional center,

MEMORAN OF LAW
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER'S HABEAS CORPUS

DATE:



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NATURE AND STAGE OF PROCEEDINGS

ON MAY 16, 2002 a SUSSEX COUNTY JURY found the Petitioner Ralph Reed guilty of Murder in the First Degree and Possession of a Firearm during the commission of a Felony.

Thereafter Mr. Reed filed a Motion for a New Trial which was subsequently denied by the trial court on December 19, 2000. State v. Reed 2000 WL 33179685 (Del. Super.) The Delaware Supreme Court Affirmed Mr. Reed's convictions on direct appeal. Reed v. State 782 A2d 266 Del. 2001).

ON JULY 8, 2004, Mr. Reed filed a Motion for Post-conviction relief Pursuant to Superior Court Criminal Rule 61 (Rule 61). then filed several more pro se amendments or supplements. Defense Counsel entered his appearance and participated in the evidentiary hearing and briefing ON March 3, 2005, and April 8, 2005. Briefing was concluded on August 25, 2005.

Subsequently on October 5, 2005 the trial court denied Mr. Reed motion for post-conviction relief. State v. Reed No. 9911018706(R-1)

Petitioner Appealed to the Delaware Supreme Court No. 534 2005

The Supreme Court Affirmed on MAY 26, 2006

This is Petitioner's Memorandum of Law in support of his Petition for Habeas Corpus.

SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENTS

1. Petitioner's Fourth Fifth Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment under the United State Constitution were violated by the Arresting Officer for Filing False Police Reports and Sworn Affidavits under the Penalty of Perjury FRANKS V. DELAWARE 398 A2d 783, 86, illegal arrest of the Petitioner in violation of his Constitutional rights which warrants Reversal of conviction for violation of Petition Fourth Fifth Sixth and Fourteenth U.S.C.A.
2. Petitioner's Fifth Amendment right to remain silent was violated under MIRANDA V. ARIZONA 384 U.S. 436 (1966). See Police Work Sheet Exhibit A-160 Trial Counsel should have challenged the voluntariness of these statements which could have resulted in the incriminating statements being thrown out.
3. Petitioner's Indictment was Filed in violation of Double Clause violating his Fifth Sixth and Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment rights. COUNT II OF the Indictment Possession of a Firearm During the commission of a Felony merges and is included in COUNT I OF the Indictment. The Petitioner's Sentence with regards to weapon offense violates the principles of the double jeopardy clause POTROT V. STATE Del. Supr. No 94. 2003
4. Petitioner's trial counsel violated his United State and Federal Constitution right to a Fair impartial Jury of his Peers under BATSON V. KENTUCKY 476 U.S. 79 (1986) which trial counsel was ineffective of Petitioner's Right to a Jury trial. STRICKLAND V. WASHINGTON 466 U.S. 668 (1984)

5. Petitioner's Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments United State and Federal Constitution discriminatory Voir Dire questioning was to secured an all white jury composed of unidentified white jurors who may know the victim or victim's relatives or their friends or associate Miller-EL v. Cockrell 123 S.Ct. 1029 (2003) disparate Voir dire questioning Violate Batson 476 U.S. 79 (1986)
6. Petitioner's Sixth and Fourteenth United States and Federal Constitution Amendments right was Violated on disparate treatment of similarly situated Black and white Jurors IS Pretext For Discrimination of the races who are similarly situated when exercising peremptory challenges, as the state did in Petitioner case is a pretext for purpose full discrimination. see Riley v. Taylor 277 F.3d 261, 282-83 (3d Cir. 2001). Riley is a recent Delaware case wherein the Third circuit court condemned this same exact discriminatory practice in the jury selection process. see Harrison v. Ryan 909 F.2d 84, 88 (3d Cir). Cert denied 498 U.S. 1003 (1990) (holding that exclusions of one Black juror from jury on the basis of race is sufficient to require a new trial pursuant to Batson) 476 U.S. 79 (1986)
7. Petitioner's Due Process right where Violated by Prosecutor misconduct in that the Prosecutor used testimony was made up by Detective Fraley and that such testimony should have not been used US. v. Wallach 935 F.2d 445 (1991). With out this False testimony there likely probability the Petitioner may have been acquitted of all charges. Ineffective Strickland v. Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984) And

incompetent representation was responsible for allowing injustice to go unchallenged. Berger v. US, 295 US. 78:88-89 55 sct 629
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8. Petitioner's FIFTH Sixth and Fourteenth constitutional rights was Violated by trial court committed error of Law which deprived him of A Fair trial. When it admitted evidence - subject to Delaware Rule of Evidence 404(B) and 403. see Lilly v. State Del. supn. 649 A2d 1055, 1059 (1994). Pope v. State Del. supn. 632 A2d 73 (1993) Tice v. State Del. supn. 624 A2d 39 401 (1993) of alleged Prior Firearm discharges.

9. Petitioner's trial court Violated his due process rights to a Fair trial committed Plain reversible error misapplied Delaware law and Rules OF evidence resulting in a total miscarriage of justice superior ct. Crim. R. 61(i) 5. in limiting trial testimony in it's jury instructions. Probst v. State Del. supn. 547 A2d 114 (1988). Delaware Rule of evidence 103k

10. Petitioner's trial counsel errors were so grievous that his performance fell below an objective standard of reasonableness Strickland v. Washington 466 US. 668 (1984) that Violated Petitioner constitutional right of Ineffective assistance of counsel.

11. Petitioner's trial counsel Deprive him of his 6th Amendment right To effective assistance of counsel Strickland v. Washington 466 US. 668 (1984) For Failing to properly investigate and subpoena Two crucial Defense witnesses who support Petitioner story that Kenyon Horsey committed the crime. Petitioner made several request to his trial counsel to interview and subpoena Jerome Reed and Kenyon Banks Mr. J. Reed's

would have testified that he observed Kenyon Horsey shoot and kill Gregory Howard as Howard drove away. See Jerome Reed's Affidavit Attached here to Exhibit A-102 Petitioner State and Federal Constitutional was Violated see D.R.E. 404(b) and Jone V. Wood 207 F.3d 557, 562-63 9th Cir. 2001).

12. The Lower court abused its discretion in allowing the state to introduce a prior statement in Petitioner's trial which was allowed by the petitioner's trial counsel Strickland V. Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984) Smith V. State 669 A2d 1 (Del Supr. 1995).

13. Petitioner trial counsel should have requested the trial court to give the Jury a Full Chance V. State 685 A2d 351 (1996) instruction on the lesser included offenses of murder.

14. Petitioner trial counsel to raise Brady Violation that they had implicitly promised Mr. Horsey from Prosecution on the murder charge Brady V. Maryland 373 U.S. 83 83 S.Ct. 1194. 10 L.Ed. 2d 215 (1963) This improper plea bargaining policy by the state implicitly dealt out promises Violated petitioner 6th Amendment right to effective cross.

15. Petitioner trial counsel had Filed a timely suppression motion under FRANKS V. State 438 U.S. 154. 98 S.Ct. 2674. 57 L. Ed 2d 66 (1979) based upon the Facts a reasonable probability the trial court would have dismissed all charges due to invalid arrest warrant.

16. Petitioner trial counsel should had File a motion For acquittal IF he had properly investigated interviewed 2 key witnesses Adequately prepared For trial. the trial court to take the case From the jury And direct A Verdict OF Acquittal in Petition Favor State V. Biter 119A2d 894 (Del. Super. 1955)

17. Petitioner trial counsel denied hem OF His 6th amendment right to eFFective assistance OF counsel on direct appeal to the Delaware SUPreme court. trial counsel escalated his gross misconduct Reed V. State Del. Super Ct. No. 44. 2001. order.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 16, 2002, they found Petitioner Ralph Reed guilty of murder in the First Degree and Possession of a Firearm during the commission of a Felony. The Firearm was never recovered or produced into evidence during trial.

The only evidence the prosecution produced at trial against the Petitioner was the account of (4) alleged eye witnesses, Yvonne Deshields, Sarah Handy, Juanita Hopkins and Reshawn Jefferson. The Petitioner's defense at trial was that Mr. Horsey was the actual perpetrator of the crime. Because trial counsel wasn't in Petitioner's best interest, counsel advanced a weak alibi defense that Petitioner was at his grandmother house asleep during the shooting. Therefore, trial counsel never investigated the names of potential witnesses Petitioner's provided him within which who would support Petitioner's defense that Keyon Horsey was the actual killer. The other four state witnesses against Petitioner were all involved in Mr. Horsey's illegal drug dealing enterprises. As well as Petitioner and the evidence support that the four state witnesses were involved in the killing of the victim with Mr. Horsey. During the preparation of his post-conviction relief motion the petitioner discovered the location of one witness he asked his counsel to investigate prior to trial who would support Petitioner's defense that Keyon Horsey was the actual killer. This witness was Jerome Reed.

The Lower court conducted an evidentiary hearing on March 3, 2005 and April 8, 2005, Jerome Reed testified at this hearing

that on the night of the crime he observed Keyon Horsey and Yvonne Deshields sell drugs to the murder victim and that Mr. Horsey pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots into the victim's vehicle. He further testified that Ms. Deshields dispose of the gun for Mr. Horsey. The state improperly attacked and discredited Petitioner's and Jerome Reed's credibility at the evidentiary hearing by official who claimed that petitioner and Jerome Reed were cellmates from Jan 22, 2004 until February 22, 2005 in building 22 of the maximum housing unit. The evidence was used to infer that at this period of time petitioner and Jerome Reed made up the story that Jerome actually witnessed Mr. Horsey shoot the victim as contended in Jerome's sworn affidavit.

Because petitioner advanced a "same character" claim that someone other than he committed the crime qualify as actual innocence claim to which no procedural bar apply. see Webster v. State 604 A2d 1364 (Del. Supr. 2002). This claim is brought under Jones v. Wood 207 F.3d 557 9th Cir 2000. The same character evidence is a defense permitted under D.R.E. 404(S). Jerome Reed's affidavit supports petitioner's actual innocence claim. The selection of an all white jury within unidentified jurors possibly knowing the victim of crime or victim's family, friends or their associates, violate the essential demands of fairness under Article I Section 7 of the Delaware constitution. see Filmore v. State 813 A2d 1112 (Del 2003). Petitioner appeal his post-conviction Rule 61 to the Delaware supreme court which was affirmed on May 26, 2006. This is petitioner's memorandum of law in support of his Habeas corpus petition.

Thus, Petitioner was entitled to permit the jury to determine his mental state and what degree of murder he is responsible for, whether it be First degree 636 (a) second degree 635, manslaughter 632 or criminally negligent homicide 631, because if the jury was properly instructed on the various degrees of lesser included offenses under 11 Del. C. 5271 and 274 it could have found that Petitioner's participation was minor and that his drug activities was likely to result in substantial harm to another supporting a verdict on criminally negligent homicide. Strickland v. Washington 466 US 668 (1984) Petitioner conclude by asking the court to correct the obvious injustices that are perpetuated against him by trial counsel.

Argument

I. The state court Violate The Federal Constitutional by Illegal Arresting The petitioner IN Violation OF The United States Constitutional

Standard And Scope OF Review

The Standard And Scope OF Illegal Arresting examination lies in the broad discretion OF the police Filed False reports For Illegal Arrests OF petitioner 4th 5th 6th AND 14th Amendments To The United States Constitution Strickland V. Washington 466 US 668 (1984), FRANKS V. States 390 A2d 783, 86 (1978)

Argument

Petitioner Arrest was illegal because the Arresting officer did not have sufficient probable cause to make an Arrest OF petitioner. Which Violated the petitioner's 4th 5th 6th AND 14th Amendment Rights. Petitioner states that the crime in question took place on or about November. The petitioner was Arrested almost immediately on November before the police conducted an adequate investigation or interviewed other witnesses that were supposedly near the scene OF the crime. (A102 to A103) petitioner claims that the police Filed False police Reports and sworn Affidavits under the penalty OF perjury claiming that the petitioner had made several statements which

.. were neither written nor taped to support the police
 .. officers reports or affidavits. Had the police officers
 .. conducted a proper unbiased investigation it would have
 .. revealed that Kenyon Horsey was the shooter and that
 .. it was Yvonne Deshields who retrieved the weapon then
 .. disposed of it. (SEE) FRANKS V. STATE 398 A2d 783, 86 The police
 .. Failure to conduct adequate investigation of the facts
 .. and reliance on testimony of Yvonne Deshields whom
 .. was directly involved in conjunction with its refusal to
 .. perform paraffin test for residue of Petitioner resulted in
 .. the illegal arrest of the Petitioner in violation of his
 .. constitutional right. It should be noted that no murder
 .. weapon was ever recovered all of which warrants reversal
 .. of convictions for violation of Petitioner 4th 5th 6th and
 .. 14th United State Constitution. Strickland v. Washington 466 US.
 .. 668 (1984) (See, A-156 to 159)

Arguments

II. The state court violated clearly established Federal constitutional Law as established by the U.S. Supreme Court in MIRANDA V. ARIZONA 384 U.S. 436 (1966)

Scope And Standard Of Review

The scope of miranda lies in the broad discretion of the trial judge and arrest officers abused its discretion. MIRANDA V. ARIZONA 384 U.S. 436 (1966) review standard STRICKLAND V. WASHINGTON 466 U.S. 668 (1984)

Argument

Petitioner claims that he exercised his miranda rights after he was apprehended. Despite petitioner exercising his miranda rights to remain silent and clear indication that he did not want to talk with Detective Fraley, Detective Fraley continued to question him in violation of his 5th constitutional amendment rights. (SEE AND COMPARE) MIRANDA V. ARIZONA 384 U.S. 436 (1966). Also see police worksheet Exhibit (A-160) Det. Fraley wrote "I asked DEF/Reed if he wanted to put this information on a taped statement and he said no. Clearly the defendant had indeed exercised his 5th Amendment right to remain silent, yet Detective Fraley continued to ask a series of questions despite petitioner insistence that he did not wish to speak with him without counsel. Trial Counsel should have challenged the voluntariness of these statements

which could have resulted in the incriminating statement being thrown out which would have in all probability substantially altered the jury's Verdict. Strickland v. Washington 466 US. 668 (1994).

Argument

III. The state court Violated The Federal Constitutional by Admitted Evidence OF The Grand Jury Indictment

Scope AND Standard OF Review

The scope OF Grand jury Indictment Violate Petitioner 5TH 6TH AND 14TH CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment Standard AND review by the double jeopardy clause. Potent V. State Del. Supr. No 94.2003.

Argument

Petitioner claims that the Grand jury Indictment was Filed in Violation OF the double jeopardy clause Violating petitioner 5TH 6TH AND 14TH CONSTITUTIONAL Amendment rights. Petitioner claims that COUNT II OF the indictment Possession OF A Firearm during the commission OF A Felony merges and is included in COUNT I OF the indictment. Therefore the Petitioner Sentence with regards to weapon offense Violates the principles OF the double jeopardy clause as established in Potent V. State Del. Supr. No 94.2003. (See A-161 to A-162).

Argument

IV. The state court Violated The Federal Constitutional by Impartial Jury as established in Batson v. Kentucky 476 U.S. 79 (1986) and Riley v. Taylor 277 F3d 261 (2001)

Scope and Standard of Review

The standard and scope of review Impartial jury under Batson v. Kentucky 476 U.S. 79 (1986) and Miller E.L. v. Cockrell 123 S.Ct. 1029 (2003) and Riley v. Taylor 277 F3d 261 (3d Cir. 2001). That violate petitioner 5th and 14th constitutional amendment Right's to a Fair Impartial Jury Filmore v. State 813 A2d 112 Del 2003) and Strickland v. Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984)

Argument

In the State's Response at paragraph 4, they premise their argue on Riley v. State Del. Super 496 A2d 997 (1985) that the prosecution did not discriminate in jury selection process on basis of race. The standard in Riley 496 A2d at 1011-1013 like the Freddiman v. Sta. Del Super Ct. No. 203 1988 Holland. J (February 22 1989) holding that peremptory challenges can be exercised "not solely on the race" has been rejected in the Third circuit court decision of Riley v. Taylor 277 F3d 261, 285 (3d Cir 2001) petitioner was denied his 5th 6th and 14th constitutional amendment

... Rights to a Fair and Impartial jury trial. When the trial court and defense counsel allowed the prosecution during jury selection to strike the one and only black juror for cause even after voir dire wherein the juror submitted that she could render a fair and impartial verdict (Tr. C-7) while the trial court allowed the white juror to remain on the jury despite this white juror admitted knowing the deceased brother as they were co-workers (Tr. B-4) still this juror was left on the jury while the one and only black juror was removed (Tr. C-8). This process of removing black juror and allowing white juror to remain was clearly racially motivated bias, prejudicial and unconstitutional.

Batson v. Kentucky 476 US. 79 (1986) and Riley v. Taylor 277 F.3d 261 (2001) deprived the petitioner of due process 5th 14th as well as his 6th Amendment right to impartial jury trial. Strickland v. Washington 466 US. 668 (1984) which in all likely probability undermined the outcome.

Due to this unconstitutional process the petitioner was forced to go to trial facing all white jurors which led to an unfair verdict of guilty. Petitioner conviction based on this and other errors of law should be vacated and remanded for a new trial.

Argument

V. The state court violated The Federal constitutional by using of UNCONSTITUTIONAL Voir Dire questioning Resulted IN Discriminatory selection of Jury AS established in BATSON V. KENTUCKY 476 US. 79 (1986) AND miller-EL V. Cockrell 123 S.Ct. 1029 (2003) Violated 6th AND 14th Amendment

Scope AND STANDARD OF REVIEW

The scope of Voir dire examination lies in the broad discretion of the trial judge and is subject to review only for abuse of that discretion. JACOBS V. STATE 358 A2d 725 (Del. Supr. 1996). Also, the discriminatory use of Voir dire questioning which violate BATSON V. KENTUCKY 476 US. 79 (1986), is reviewed by the standard set forth in miller-EL V. Cockrell 123 S.Ct. 1029 (2003).

Argument

The trial Judge himself intentionally discriminated against every African-American in Sussex County and his misconduct was criminal. Because this racist Judge, T. Henley Graves, white supremacist actions he did not provide a full and fair adjudication on the racial discriminatory claims in selecting of the jury. On April 3rd thru April 8, 2005, the trial court conducted an evidentiary hearing based upon the claims inserted in petitioner motion for an Evidentiary Hearing. (see petitioner motion for Evidentiary

discriminatory claims in selecting of the Jury.

On April 3rd thru April 8, 2005, the trial court conducted an evidentiary hearing based upon the claims inserted in petitioner's motion for an Evidentiary Hearing. (See petitioner's motion for Evidentiary Hearing. Attached petitioner's motion to Remand and to Stay Briefing on Appeal Filed in the Supreme Court. The issue involved the Sussex County Superior Court and Attorney General office white judicial officials systematically support of racism in the jury selection process which routinely uses unconstitutional Voir dire questioning policy to exclude African-Americans from jury service and to allow all-white persons to serve on juries whom may know the victim of crime without any counter-questioning to identify such persons.

prior to the scheduled evidentiary hearing petitioner wrote to the trial court requesting the appointment of an attorney to represent him due to the complexity of the issues raised in the postconviction motion, especially the Batson claim which involve the obvious discriminatory disparate Voir dire questioning which were specifically targeted at excluding African-American venire members affiliated with the petitioner while permitting white venire members to serve on the jury who actually knew or could have been friends with the victim and his family without being identified (see petitioner's February 25, 2005 Letter to Judge Graves A-67 to A-69).

Before the court ruled on petitioner's request for appointment of counsel, his mother hired an attorney to represent him at the hearing. However, the attorney did not properly raise the

BATSON issue at the evidentiary hearing. nor did he investigate and collect statistical evidence of the prosecution's use of the disparate Voir dire questioning policy in other prior cases to support a Batson/Swain prima facie case of systematic exclusion of a particular race from jury service or to secure juries who know the victim of crime. nor did the trial court require the prosecution to satisfy step two of Batson to its use of peremptory challenges and the disparate Voir dire questioning.

Since there is no right to the 6th Amendment effective assistance of counsel in a postconviction proceeding for defaulted claims see Johnson v. Ellingsworth 783 F. Supp. 215, 221 (D. Del. 1992) on April 27, 2005, prior to any final decision petitioner wrote a letter to Judge Graves requesting that additional evidentiary hearing or inquiry need to be held on the unsolved Batson regarding the disparate Voir dire questioning of similarly situated white and Black venire members which resulted in the purposeful exclusion of the Black jurors. (see petitioner's April 27, 2005 Letter To Judge Graves A-70 to A-75).

In petitioner's December 20, 2004 Letter/Brief to the trial court he made out a prima facie case that the prosecution in fact used disparate questioning which later resulted in purposeful discriminatory treatment of Black and white venire members. The United States Supreme Court stated in Miller-El v. Cockrell 123 S.Ct. 1029, 1043 (2003) that: "It follows that, if the use of disparate questioning is determined by race at the outset it is likely a justification for a strike based on the resulting divergent views would be pretextual." Id. (see petitioner's

December 20, 2004 Letter/Brief A-79 to A-80). In this context the differences in the questioning posed by the prosecutors are some evidence of purposeful discrimination. Batson 476 U.S. At 97, 106 S.Ct. 1712 ("Similarly the prosecutor's questions and statements during voir dire examination and in exercising his challenges may support or refute an inference of discriminatory purpose"). Miller-EL. Id At 1043.

In petitioner's case the voir dire transcripts explicitly show that the trial court itself asked any prospective jurors who may "know the petitioner's or his friends or relatives" to identify themselves for purpose of being excluded. (see T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 4, A-1). However, no such question was asked the jury panel regarding any juror who know the victim or his friends or relatives for purpose of being excluded. (see T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 6, A-2). Also see Motion For Evidentiary Hearing with Jury selection Transcripts Attached hereto. Because that question was asked the panel from the outset, every juror that revealed they knew the petitioner or his friends and relatives were excluded for cause by the court or challenged for cause by the prosecution.

As petitioner argued in his motion For Evidentiary Hearing the friends and relatives of any person is of that person's own race, another statistical fact that counsel failed to proffer with available historical records in support to show the prosecution's discriminatory intent under Batson/Swain standards.

In comparison of similarly situated Black and white jurors a black juror, Ms. Turner was excluded by the prosecution for cause because she revealed that she vaguely knew the state's witness

Darren BACON'S mother From work AND mr BACON AND her SON were Friends. AND Four(4) other Jurors were excluded For CAUSE by the trial court For similar reasons.

Because no such question was asked the venire regarding the Victim's Family AND Friends From the outset of Jury selection no white Juror, or otherwise, who may have been affiliate with the Victim personally or his Friends AND relatives, identified themselves to the trial court merely because they felt such informative was insignificant. This contention is evident when viewing the voir dire transcripts of a white Juror, mr. Haley, who contacted the trial court on the second day of trial AND stated that "he thought it might be important to inform the court that he knew the Victim's brother From work." The victim brother attended the entire trial.

Knowing this information, neither the court, the prosecution or the petitioner's own trial counsel sought to have mr. Haley excluded For CAUSE as it did with the black Juror, ms. Turner AND the other Four(4) Jurors who said they knew the petitioner's relatives or Friends. Nor did the trial court or prosecution sought to find out whether or not there were any other unidentified Jurors who knows the Victim's relatives AND Friends. Contrary to what the trial court stated in its decision denying postconviction relief on page 7 (A-127). The court did not conduct an extensive voir dire of mr. Haley which should of involved further questioning or inquiry about the relationship he AND the Victim's brother had with their supervisor they both worked for at the Indian River Power Plant. There was no other way to determine what relationship either mr. Haley

or the Victim's brother shared with other co-workers at the plant that may have later influenced Mr. Haley's impartiality. Thus the discriminatory intent of the State of Delaware in the Jury selection process is indisputable by the trial record itself. Since the trial court failed to fully adjudicate this issue on the merit and failed to require the prosecution to explain its use of disparate questioning and conclusion of similarly situated white and black venire members which resulted in the purposeful discriminatory action against the Black jurors, thus this court on appeal must remand this case to the superior court before a different judge for a proper inquiry under steps two and three of Batson's mandatory test.

But in light of the grossly unconstitutional voir dire questioning there is no way to reconstruct the trial records to determine the identity of these jurors who might have known the victim's friends or relatives that actually served on petitioner's jury, which require this court to automatically reverse petitioner's convictions and sentences. See Mumia v. Virginia, 500 U.S. 415, 431, (1991) (voir dire enables the trial court to select impartial jury and assists counsel in exercising peremptory challenges).

But for trial counsel's unreasonable decision not to properly raise Batson violation and timely challenge the infirm voir dire questioning by the trial court, there is a reasonable probability that petitioner would not have been tried and convicted by an unconstitutionally impaneled jury. Strickland v. Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984).

proper objection to the prosecution (or state's) use of their peremptory challenges to strike the only black person, Ms. Bernice Turner, from the jury panel for identical reasons expressed by a white person, Mr. Jeff Haley, who was allowed to serve on the jury.

The Unconstitutional Disparate Vox Dix Questions To Jury Panel

To begin with, at the outset of the jury selection, the trial court asked the entire jury panel seven (7) general vox dix questions:

a) Do you know anything about this case through personal knowledge, discussion with anyone, the news media, or any other source?

(Tr. A-4);

b) Do you know the defendant or his friends or relatives? (Tr. A-4);

c) Do you know the attorneys in this case or any other attorney or employee in the office of the Attorney General or defense counsel? (Tr. A-4)

d) Do you know the victim, Gregory Howard? (Tr. A-6);

(continue) ...

e) Do you have any bias or prejudice either For or Against the STATE or the defendant? (Tr. A-6);

f) Do you have any religious or conscientious reasons as to why you cannot serve as a juror in this case? (Tr. A-6); and

g) Is there any reason why you cannot give this case your undivided attention and render a Fair and impartial verdict? (Tr. A-6)

Thereafter the trial court then stated to the jury panel:

Once again, this trial will begin today and will last approximately two weeks. If your answers to any of the above questions is yes or you cannot serve through May 19th, please come forward.

(Tr. A-6).

At that time the total of Fifty one (51) people from the jury panel responded "yes" to the court's general voir dire questions, of which **Five (5) said they know the defendant/petitioner** Ralph Reed or his friends or relatives. Four (4) of those jurors Jeremy Fisher, Leona Steen, Sandra Johnson and Amy Baker were excused for cause by the court. (See Tr. A-9, A-18, A-28 & A-32)

After the State Failed to convince the trial court to excuse the Fifth juror, Bernice Turner, For cause (See Tr. A-23, A-30 & A-42), the State later exercised one of its peremptory challenges to eliminate the only Black juror Ms. Turner For cause because she may have casually known one of the witnesses Darren Bacon's mother, at which **time the petitioner's trial counsel made a poor** imprecise Batson objection to the State's securing an All white jury. (Tr. C-6 thru C-9). To be precise, **petitioner's trial counsel's objection was not based** upon his professional judgment and strategy, stating that:

But because of the Family's concerns, I wanted this expressed to the court, and I suppose I want to lodge an objection just based on the Family's concerns.

(Tr. C-6, C-7).

Thus, out of the 51 jurors that responded to the Trial court's voir dire questions, none initially indicated any knowledge of knowing the victim's Friends or relatives because no such question was asked the panel as it was asked regarding the **petitioner's Friends or relatives**. (compare voir dire Questions # b and # d herein Above).

Furthermore, any juror who knew the victim's Friends or relatives may have Felt that they were not obligated to share this important information with the court and may considered it to be insignificant.

Thus, it is common-sense logic of reality that the majority of the Friends and relatives of any person is of their own race and the persons of the mind to discriminate would know this reality. That statistical reality is apparent from the racial make-up of **PETITIONER'S ALL WHITE jury selected from a discriminatory** voir dire questioning policy which favor whites over blacks.

As indicated above, any member of the jury that responded affirmatively to the court's voir dire questions **were not selected to serve on the PETITIONER'S jury**, but all the black people were either excluded by the court for cause or challenged by the state for cause.

Although there may have been several white people who were selected to serve on **PETITIONER'S** jury that knew the victim's Friends or relatives (a reason generally cited for exclusion for cause, Tr. C-8), no whites were eliminated for this reason that resulted in the removal of all the blacks.

For instance, on the second day of PETITIONER'S trial a white juror, Jeff Haley, notified the court that he knew the victim's brother from

work but stated (Quote) "I know him to say hi" (Tr. B-4). (unquote) compare with black juror Ms. Turner's reply that (Quote) "no, I just know her" (A-43). Nevertheless the prosecution never asked the trial court to exclude Mr. Haley for cause as it did with Ms. Turner. (Tr. B-4, B-5). Nor did the trial court ask the rest of the jury members did they know the victim's friends or relatives. (Tr. B-5, B-6). **AND PETITIONER'S TRIAL COUNSEL KEPT COMPLETELY SILENT** while the prosecution purposely discriminated in the jury selection process by securing an all white jury with one or more members that actually knew the victim's friends or relatives. (Tr. B-5, B-6).

Trial counsel never lodged an objection over the non-exclusion of Mr. Haley based on Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79 (1986) where, as here, there is disparate voir dire questioning which caused the black venire members to be singled out and excluded on count of their race while the white members knowing the white victim were permitted to serve on the jury in favor of the prosecution. Thus, such disparate discriminatory voir dire questioning has been condemned by the United States Supreme Court in Miller-el v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322 (2003). **REVERSAL CONVICTIONS AND ORDER A NEW TRIAL.**

Argument

VI. The state court violated The Federal constitutional by Disparate Treatment of similarly situated Black and white Jurors IS pretext For Discrimination AS established ' IN BATSON V. KENTUCKY 476 U.S. 79 (1986) AND RILEY V. TAYLOR 277 F3d 261 (2001)

SCOPE AND STANDARD OF REVIEW

The Standard AND Scope of review similarly situated Black AND white Jurors purposeful discrimination. RILEY V. TAYLOR 277 F3d 261, 282, 83 (3d cir. 2001). ALSO discrimination exclusion of one Black juror on The basis of race Violate BATSON V. KENTUCKY 476 U.S. 79 (1986)

Argument

The disparate treatment of the races who are similarly situated when exercising peremptory challenges as the state did in petitioners case is a pretext For purposeful discrimination. see RILEY V. TAYLOR 277 F3d 261, 282, 83 (3d cir 2001). Riley is a recent Delaware case wherein the Third circuit court condemned this same exact discriminator practice in the jury selection process. see HARRISON V. RYAN 909 F2d 88 89 (3d. cir). cert. denied 498 U.S. 1003 (1990) (holding that exclusion of one Black

Juror From Jury on the basis of race is sufficient to require a new trial pursuant to Batson)

The Third circuit court stated in Riley that the Batson inquiry has been characterized as a three-step one, where "a defendant may establish a prima facie case of purposeful discrimination in selection of the petit jury solely on evidence concerning the prosecutor's exercise of peremptory challenges at the defendant's trial. 277 F.3d at 275. Once the defendant makes a prima facie showing of racial discrimination (step one), the prosecution must articulate a race-neutral explanation for its use of peremptory challenges (step two). Id. If it does so, the trial court must determine whether the defendant has established purposeful discrimination (step three). Id. The ultimate burden of persuasion regarding racial motivation rests with, and does not shift from, the defendant. Id. (citing Purkett v. Elem. 514 U.S. 765, 768, 115 S.Ct. 1769, 131 L.Ed.2d 834 (1995)).

In petitioner's case, although his trial counsel made a poor imprecise objection to the prosecution's use of its peremptory challenges to strike the one black juror, step one of Batson was established. (Tr. C-7)

At that time, the petitioner's trial counsel and the prosecution attempted to satisfy step two of Batson by attempting to provide a race-neutral reason for striking Ms. Turner, relying on the Delaware Supreme Court's decision in Freddiman v. State, Del. Supr. No. 203, 1988, Holland, J. (February 22, 1989) at 19 (the state must demonstrate that the peremptory challenges were made on grounds of specific, individual juror bias or on grounds reasonably related to the particular case on trial or its particular parties or witnesses and not solely on the grounds of the jurors race) (Tr. C-6 to C-8). However, the Freddiman's "not solely on the... race" standard has been rejected by the Third circuit court in Riley and

Shown to be evident that the State's proffered race-neutral explanations were pretextual, because race can never play any factor at all in the jury selection process. Riley, 277 F.3d at 285.

The second problem is that the race neutral reason the State proffered on the record for its strike of Ms. Turner, in which the trial court acquiesced with, was a concern over the juror's mere acquaintance with one of the witnesses' mother (Tr. C-7 to C-9), a similar factor that existed with a white juror, Mr. Haley, being acquainted with the victim's brother but was still permitted to serve on the jury. (Tr. B-3 to B-6). This rationale like the Freddiman's not solely on race standard and the unfair voir dire questions all show the State's intent of disparate treatment of similarly situated Black and white jurors in the jury selection process.

.. The State Has Not Satisfied The
.. Third Set Of Batson To Explain Its
.. Disparate Discriminatory Policy

When reviewing the trial record as a whole the prosecution's race neutral reasons for striking the only black juror Ms. Turner are both pretextual and **inadequate to rebut petitioner's claim that the State**

did discriminate on the account of race. Thus, the trial record also reflect that the prosecution never offered any race neutral explanations for its disparate treatment of similarly situated black and white jurors or the disparate voir dire questions as to whether any juror knows defendant's friends or relatives while failing to propose the same questions to the jury panel concerning the victim's friends or relatives. (See Voir Dire Questions, Tr. A-4 and A-6).

Therefore step three of Batson require this court **to make the ultimate determination whether the petitioner** established purposeful discrimination based upon each piece of evidence which should not be reviewed in isolation. Riley, 277 F.3d at 253. But first the State must satisfy step two of Batson which require this court to conduct an evidentiary hearing and evaluate all evidence introduced by each side (including all evidence introduced in the first and second steps) that tends to show that race was or was not the real reason and determine whether the defendant has met his burden of persuasion. Riley at 286.

As the record stand now the prosecution's explanation are clearly pretextual for purposeful discrimination especially when viewed together with the disparate **voir dire questions posed to the venire about petitioner's** friends and relatives who are black and the lack

of inquisition regarding the victim's friends and relatives who are white, because the emphasis of such disparate questions imply emphatically a deliberate intent by the state to discriminate **AGAINST ALL PETITIONER'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS PETITIONER'S FRIENDS AND** relatives who are black and a desire to exclude them from jury service from the outside of the jury selection, while permitting the victim's white friends and relatives or any person who know them who are white to serve on the jury without any inquiry to identify them at all.

This evidence, of course, is relevant and sufficient to the extent it casts doubt on the legitimacy of **the motives underlying the state's actions in petitioner's case.** Miller-el v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322 (2003).

Lastly, both state and federal courts made clear that the Batson step three inquiry is not merely a formalistic one, but an integral element of the required analysis. Riley at 290-91 (citing State v. Collier, 553 So. 2d 815, 821 (La. 1989) (holding that the trial judge cannot simply "[r]ubber stamp... [a prosecutor's] non-racial explanation, no matter how whimsical or fanciful... [but] in order to permit a questioned [peremptory challenge]... must conclude that the proffered reasons are, first, neutral and reasonable, and, second, not a pretext"). Id. 291 n. 11.

.. WhereFore, For the good CAUSE shown Above herein this court
.. Should grant petitioner Ralph Reed 28 USC. § 2254 writ of
.. Habeas corpus ON The BALSON Claim.

Argument

VII. The state court violate The Federal constitutional by admitted prosecutor misconduct of False Testimony Evidence Lacked Relevance and was Highly prejudicial Plain Error as established in U.S. V. WALLACH 935F2d 445 (1991)

Standard and Scope of Review

The standard and scope of review Prosecutor misconduct whether the trial court committed Plain error by ISSUED False testimony to the jury that was perjured to the petitioner US. V. WALLACH 935F2d 445 (1991)

Argument

petitioner was denied due process by prosecutor misconduct in that the prosecutor used testimony that he made up and knew was perjured petitioner states that the prosecution knew or should have known that petitioner exercised his right to remain silent. as supported by the record in that the accused refused to give taped statement. There Fore the prosecutor had clear and convincing evidence that Alleged statements attributed to the accused was made up by Detecti Fraley. and that such testimony should have not been used. (SEE AND Compare US. V WALLACH 935F2d 445 (1991), with out this False testimony.

There is a likely probability the petitioner may have been
acquitted of all charges. Ineffective and incompetent
representation was responsible. Strickland v. Washington 466
U.S. 668 (1984) For allowing injustice to go unchallenged.
Berger v. US 295 U.S. 78: 88-89, 55 S.Ct 629.
Stirone v. United States 361 U.S. 212, 80 S.Ct 270.
(SEE- A-160)

Argument

VIII The state court Violated The Federal Constitutional by Admitted Evidence Subject to Delaware Rule OF EVIDENCE 404(B) OF Alleged prior Firearm Discharges Absent The complete Analysis Required by Delaware Law AS established in Allen V. State Del Supr. 644 A2d 982 (1994)

Scope And Standard OF Review

The Standard And scope OF Review is error OF LAW reviewable de novo by State court. Allen V. State Del Supr. 644 A2d 982 (1994) The question OF whether the trial judge properly Formulated And Applied legal precepts governing the admissibility OF evidence is one LAW.

Argument

Petitioner Further Assents that the state court Violated The Federal Constitutional by Violating his due process rights when it admitted evidence Subject to the Constitutional provisions OF the 5th 6th AND 14th AS well AS the Delaware Rule OF EVIDENCE AS set Forth in Rule 404(B) OF Alleged prior uncharge Firearm discharges AND illegal drug Activity AS such evidence lacked Relevance AND was highly prejudicial constitution Reversible error. (Tr. A-171) the complete Analysis AS Required by the constitution Delaware Law. Strickland V. Washington 466 US. 668 (1984) This error OF LAW denied the Accused OF the likelihood OF not guilty Verdicts.

Argument

IX. The state court Violated The Federal Constitutional Admitted Plain Error By misapplied Delaware Law And Rules Of Evidence Limiting Trial Testimony IN Jury INSTRUCTIONS AS established in probst V. State Del Supr 547 A2d 114 (1988)

Scope And Standard Of Review

The standard and scope of review is whether trial court committed plain error when it issued to the jury inappropriate limiting jury instructions regarding the purpose and use of certain trial testimony. probst V. State Del Supr 547 A2d 114 (1988) Delaware Rule of evidence 103(d).

Argument

Petitioner trial court Violated his due process rights to a Fair trial Committed Plain reversible error misapplied Delaware Law And Rules Of evidence resulting in a total miscarriage of justice (SEE superior Ct. crim. Rule 611) 5 in limiting trial testimony in its jury instruction. Essentially the trial court prevented the petitioner From obtaining impeachment and exculpatory testimony which would have substantially affected the verdict of the jury when it limited trial testimony in the jury instructions This error also Violated petitioner 6th amendment right to an impartial jury trial guaranteed by the United States Constitution warranting Reversal. (Tr. A-163 to A-170) Strickland V. Washington 466 US. 668 (1984).

Argument

X. The state court violated the Federal Constitutional by Trial Judge and Trial Counsel was Ineffective At Every Stage Of The Trial criminal proceeding That Took place IN Violation OF Petitioner's 5th 6th and 14th constitutional Amendment Rights AS established IN Strickland v. Washington 466 US. At 687 80 L. Ed. 2d 674, 104 S. Ct. 2952. Albury v. State Del Supr 551 A2d 53 AND Lockhart v. Fretwell 113 S. Ct. At 838.

Scope AND Standard OF Review

The Standard AND scope OF review For this issue is whether the state court abused its discretion in denying Petitioner's postconviction motion based solely on outcome. Lockhart v. Fretwell 113 S. Ct. At 838 Albury v. State Del Supr 551 A2d 53 Strickland v. Washington 466 US. At 687 80 L. Ed. 2d 674, 104 S. Ct. 2952.

Argument

The 6th Amendment guarantees the right to effective assistance of Counsel, in criminal prosecution. Strickland the supreme court established a two prong test with which to evaluate ineffective assistance claims. 1) The Counsel's performance Fell below an objective standard of reasonableness. 2) That Counsel's deficient performance prejudice the defendant resulting in a unreliable or fundamentally unfair outcome. OF the proceedings. The Court has held that the second prong of Strickland requires more than

A Showing that the outcome of the proceedings would have been different but for counsel's errors Lockhart v. Fretwell 113

S.Ct. 838 that is actual prejudice Id at 694. Dawson 673 A.2d at 1190: Renal v. State Del. Supr. 450 A.2d 382. 384.

Under the performance prong of Strickland there is a "strong presumption" that trial counsel's strategy and representation fell within the "wide range of reasonable professional assistance."

Petitioner claims after consideration of this motion there should be no doubt that counsel's performance fell below a reasonable standard which prejudiced the outcome of petitioner's trial and caused his Direct Appeal to be denied. (A-172-173).

The adequacy of a pretrial investigation turns on the complexity of the case and trial strategy. Strickland, 466 U.S. 688. Here counsel's only strategy was being at the grandmother house (A-123) by not inquiring into the state's case through discovery and total failure to subpoena potential defense witnesses establishes ineffectiveness of petitioner's trial counsel. Berryman v. Marton 100 F.3d 1089 (1996) moreover, a reasonably effective attorney would have broadened his investigation once he realized that petitioner had witnesses to support his defense that someone committed the crime (A-102-103) At trial. These witnesses viewed the same events that petitioner was on trial. Petitioner raised the issue in his postconviction motion (A-132). Strickland, embraced ineffective assistance of counsel analysis to the extent that:

"Strategic choices made after thorough investigation of law and fact relevant to plausible options are virtually unchallengeable; and strategic choice made after less than complete investigation are reasonable precisely to the extent that a reasonable professional judgment supports the limitations on investigation. 104 S.Ct. at 2066.

Argument

Trial Counsel Failed To Properly
Investigate And Subpoena Two
Crucial Defense Witnesses who
would support Petitioner's story
That Kenyon Horsey committed
The crime:

Prior to the commencement of trial Petitioner
Ralph Reed made several requests to his trial counsel
to interview and subpoena Jerome Reed and Keyshawn
Banks. Mr. J. Reed would have testified that he observed
Kenyon Horsey shoot and kill Gregory Howard as
Howard drove away in his Ford Bronco near the
Little Creek Apartment complex. (See
Jerome Reed's Affidavit Attached hereto Exhibit "A" 102
to 103.

Although petitioner is presently unable to locate and obtain an affidavit from Keyshawn Banks at this time, however petitioner expect that Mr. Banks will confirm that he possesses personal knowledge or that he was with State's witness Reshawn Jefferson on the night of the crime in question and Mr. Jefferson did not actually witness the shooting as he testified under oath at petitioner's trial that he observed petitioner standing close to the murder victim's Ford Bronco as the victim speeded away. (T.Tr. B-68)

Thus, the trial court should appoint petitioner the assistance of counsel for the limited purpose to locate, interview and obtain a sworn affidavit from Reshawn Banks for these postconviction proceedings pertinent to establishing the prejudice prong of Strickland's test on counsel's reasonableness for failure to investigate.

On page 2 of trial counsel's October 1, 2004, Response to petitioner's postconviction motion, counsel don't deny that petitioner never informed him about Mr. Banks and Mr. J. Reed. However, counsel only states: "I do not have recollection of Banks and J. Reed at the present time"; and that "surely if these were people who could exonerate the defendant we should be getting a new trial perhaps"

Certainly counsel's Response support a reasonable probability that petitioner did inform him about Banks and J. Reed but counsel was too overburden with other areas of the trial preparation that he simply forgot to interview and subpoena these two important witnesses.

Since petitioner only have the benefit of J. Reed's Affidavit then it is a matter of principle that he limit the focus to the sworn averments by Mr. J. Reed while deferring any further comment about Mr. Banks' proposed deposition until such date and time a sworn Affidavit can be obtained from him.

Jerome Reed's Affidavit:

The sworn averments contained in J. Reed's Affidavit demonstrate that trial counsel's decision not to subpoena J. Reed as a defense witness was not reasonable and prejudiced petitioner's defense that someone else (Kenyon Hersey) committed the crime.

First, petitioner has a constitutional right under both State and Federal law to put on "evidence of the same character tending to identify some other person as perpetrator of the crime". See, D.R.E. 404(b) and Jones v. Wood, 201 F.3d 557, 562-63 (9th Cir. 2000). The Jones court held that before evidence implicating another suspect can be admitted, "there must be such proof of connection with the crime, such as a train of facts or

circumstances AS tend clearly to point out some one beside the accused as the guilty party". Id. AT 562. Furthermore the Jones' Court concluded that "...because the other suspect evidence was admissible under Washington law, Jones has established Strickland prejudice"; From counsel's Failure to present such evidence At trial. Id. AT 563.

Second, evidence of petitioner ability and opportunity

For a third person to commit a crime is not sufficient Foundation For the introduction of other suspect evidence. Id. AT 562. Such evidence must be "coupled with other evidence tending to connect such other person with the actual commission of the crime charged". Id. However, a lesser Foundational restriction applies to cases involving circumstantial proof of crime:

[I]f the prosecution's case against the defendant is largely circumstantial, then the defendant may neutralize or overcome such evidence by presenting sufficient evidence of the same character tending to identify some other person as the perpetrator of the crime.

See, Jones, 207 F.3d AT 562-63 (citing) STATE V. CLARK, 78 Wash. App. 471, 898 P.2d 854, 858 (1995).

Applying this Law to the Facts of this case which is consistent with D.R.E 404(b), the averments contained in J. Reed's sworn Affidavit that he witnessed Kenyon Horsey and Yvonne DeShields engaged in a conversation with the victim G. Howard at which time a hand to hand transaction of some sort was made and as the victim pulled (speeded) away fast in his Ford Bronco, Mr. J. Reed observed Mr. Horsey pull out a handgun and fired multiple shots at the fleeing vehicle. (see J. Reed's Affidavit Exhibit "A"). Mr. J. Reed also stated that he observed Mr. Horsey hand Ms. DeShields the handgun and she walked off quickly towards the Graveyard. (Affidavit page 2). Lastly, Mr. J. Reed stated that just prior to the shooting he observed Ms. DeShields get into the victim's vehicle and drive around the block before meeting up with Kenyon Horsey. Id.

In contrast Mr. Horsey and Ms. DeShields, two of the STATE'S chief witnesses against Petitioner at trial, testified that petitioner committed the crime.

And the STATE'S case was purely circumstantial consisting of Four (4) witnesses' (including Ms. DeShields) testimonies which were all inconsistent with their geographic locations from where they claim to have witnessed the crime take place at a far distant through the foggy night inclement weather.

conditions. (See Section "B" on pages 5-7 of Letter To Judge Graves regarding proposed Amended claim OF Trial Counsel's Failure To Request A Full Chance Instruction which point out many OF the inconsistencies in the STATE's witnesses' testimony, Attached hereto as exhibit "B").

Thus, the exculpatory circumstantial evidence contained in J. Reed's Affidavit is proof that Mr. Hersey and Ms. Deshields are the actual perpetrators OF the crimes to which **Petitioner** is convicted OF committing.

To prove this connection even further Ms. Deshields' own trial testimony is conducive on this fact. For instance, Ms. Deshields stated (a) on the night of the crime she seen the victim's vehicle at the entrance way to Little Creek Apartments and that he passed her on the street by the graveyard (T.Tr. A-129); (b) that the victim occasionally speak to her and ask's her where to buy drugs (T.Tr. A-130); and (c) she had a bullet casing from the handgun that was used to shoot the victim (T.Tr. A-153 to 155). (compare these factors from Ms. Deshields' testimony with the averments contained in J. Reed's Affidavit).

Although Ms. Deshields testified that the victim asked her where he could buy drugs, however she never stated that she referred the victim to the **petitioner as a possible customer**. A matter OF fact,

Ms. DeShields testified that she purchased drugs on the night of the crime but stated she did not buy it from the petitioner. (T.Tr. A-158 AND A-169).

Trial counsel should have argued to the jury with this evidence that it is only logical to assume that if the victim asked Ms. Deshields where to purchase drugs (and admitted that she actually purchase drugs that night also), that of course, she referred the victim to the same person she purchased her drugs from.

petitioner contends (and Trial counsel should have argued) that that person Ms. Deshield referred the victim to for the purchase of drugs was in fact Kenyon Horszy which is supported by the sworn Affidavit of J. Reed who eyewitnessed the entire transaction.

Therefore, under the Jones standard this evidence of the same character tending to identify some other person as the perpetrator of the crime was admissible under D. R. E. 404 (b). In addition, petitioner point out that the prosecution theory (as argued in summation) that there was no other person who could have committed the crime, a theory that petitioner was entitled to rebut once the prosecution relied upon it. Jones, 207 F.3d at 563. petitioner's trial counsel's Failure to subpoena J. Reed as a witness to rebut the prosecution's theory (as petitioner's set

Forth herein) was unreasonable and sufficient to establish the prejudice needed under Strickland to create a reasonable probability in a different outcome but for counsel's errors.

(F). Trial Counsel's Failed To Use Inconsistencies In The State's Witnesses' Testimonies For Impeachment Purposes And To Support Petitioner's Defense That Someone Else Committed The Crimes :

Effective cross examination is essential to a defendant's right to a fair trial. Davis v. Alaska, 415 U.S. 308, 320, 94 S.Ct. 1105, 39 L.Ed. 2d 347 (1974).

It is the "principal means by which the believability of a witness and the truth of his testimony are tested". Fensterer v. State, Del. Supr. 493 A.2d 959, 963 (1988). Under Delaware Law, "the jury is the sole trier of fact, responsible for determining witness credibility and resolving conflicts in testimony". Pryor v. State, Del. Supr. 453 A.2d 98, 100 (1982). Jurors should have every opportunity to hear impeachment evidence that may undermine a witness' credibility.

As shown in the previous Argument above where trial counsel Failed to investigate potential defense witnesses who would have Supported Petitioner's theory that Mr. Horsey and Ms. Deshields were the actual perpetrators of these crimes. Because Mr. Horsey and Ms. Deshields were two of the State's chief witnesses against petitioner, the evidence contained in Jerome Reed's Affidavit (Exhibit "A") could have been used to impeach their credibility.

In addition to the above trial counsel Failed to use the inconsistencies in Ms. Deshields' testimony to discredit Sarah Hardy's testimony about witnessing petitioner pointing and shooting a gun at the victim's vehicle.

First, Ms. Deshields testified that on the night of the crime she went to a friend's (Herman Dark) house by the Deli and bought some drugs and something to drink. (T.Tr. A-127). She heard female voices saying: "I don't believe you'll do it and then heard gunshots over from where voices were coming from". (T.Tr. A-128). The female statement "I don't believe you'll do it"; can be interpreted as an utterance to shoot the victim. Ms. Deshields went on to state that the shots came from the area "down the creek in front of the bench" (T.Tr. A-128). When asked on cross examination: "who were the people sitting on the bench near the

creek by Little Creek Apartments entrance-way where the shooting occurred", Ms. DeShields replied: "That Sarah, Bacon and another unknown Female were sitting on a bench three or four feet away from where the petitioner Ralph Reed was shooting the gun" (T.Tr. A-138, 132; A-160, 161). However, Sarah (Handy) testified that she observed the entire shooting from her bedroom window at building #107. (T.Tr. A-188 to 190). **Petitioner Note for the record that building #107 is facing away to the side of the entrance way to Little Creek Apartments which makes it impossible for Ms. Handy to have witnessed the shooting from her bedroom window.**

Ms. DeShields' testimony place Sarah Handy three or four feet away from the shooting. Thus, Jerome Reed's Affidavit place Ms. DeShields at the scene of the shooting as confirmed by her own trial testimony. The clear implication from Ms. DeShields' testimony regarding the unknown female sitting on the bench with Ms. Handy was in fact Ms. DeShields herself.

The Question becomes - "which of the two females (DeShields or Handy) stated 'I don't believe you'll do it', meaning urging the person with the gun to shoot the victim"?

In any event, Kenyon Horsey claims the gunman was the petitioner and petitioner said it was Mr. Horsey.

The State's witnesses, as shown above, did not testify truthfully about who in fact possessed the gun and shot the victim. At the very least, the evidence revealed here shows beyond a reasonable doubt that Ms. Deshields and Ms. Handy were actual accomplices to the murder of Gregory Howard which should have been explained to the jury and court by petitioner's trial counsel with a request for a Full Chance instruction on all the lesser included offenses to first degree murder under 11 Del. C. § 271 and 274 as argued in Amended Claim "B" in the petitioner's letter to Judge Graves (Exhibit "B").

Certainly, the testimonial evidence raises a contrary conclusion about petitioner being the actual perpetrator of these crimes and that the State's witnesses has placed the blame on petitioner to conceal their own direct involvement in the fatal shooting of the victim Gregory Howard.

Therefore, there is no way in which the failure of trial counsel to confront the State's witnesses with the grossly inconsistent testimony or use it as impeachment evidence and evidence that someone other than petitioner committed these crimes can be justified as sound trial strategy or a reasonable strategic choice. Thus, the prejudice prong of Strickland is established for counsel's trial errors

complained of herein above in Arguments "E" and "F", and the Third Circuit Court's Ruling on ineffective assistance of counsel in Berryman v. Morton, 100 F.3d 1089 (1996) support petitioner's claims For Habeas Corpus relief. A contrary ruling would be totally unreasonable to the Federal Law governing the issue. Id. AT 1097-1102 (The Third Circuit reviewed each of Berryman's claims separately and Found that counsel's performance strategy were unreasonable).

.. V. Counsel's Errors And Omissions .. Prejudiced Petitioner In Several .. Other Ways

.. (I). The Franks Suppression Motion:

Although trial counsel Filed a motion To Suppress Petitioner's Statement to the police in which a hearing was conducted thereon as the State's Response correctly notes. However, counsel did not File a request For a Suppression hearing under Franks v. Delaware, 438 U.S. 154, 98 S. CT. 2674, 57 L. Ed. 2d 667 (1978) alleging that the police Affidavit of Probable Cause in support of the arrest warrant Against petitioner was based entirely on false information from all the State's witnesses that the police knew or should have known was

inaccurate. But in reckless disregard for the Truth, where investigatory Facts show that other people were involved in the commission of the murder and the Fact that all the money was missing from the victim's wallet found on the seat of the vehicle which indicates that the victim could have been robbed while attempting to purchase drugs, however the police rush to judgment to arrest the petitioner for the crime based upon an unsubstantiated theory that petitioner shot the victim for failing to pay for twenty (\$20) dollars worth of drugs. The police made no attempt to ask the victim's family (wife or brother) or his employee, Michael Hovatter, who was with the victim earlier that day, how much money he may have possessed on the night of the crime. (See Officer Holcumb's testimony about victim's wallet T.Tr. A-107 and employee Hovatter's testimony T.Tr. A-116). The victim, a successful business man, had no reason to steal or "rip-off" anybody for drugs or money.

Thus, the Facts show that Ms. Deshields lured the victim Gregory Howard to Mr. Horsey for the purpose of purchasing drugs and they both robbed and killed him.

If trial counsel had filed a timely Suppression Motion under Franks based upon the Facts

demonstrated in support hereto, it is a reasonable probability the trial court would have dismissed all charges due to invalid arrest warrant.

(J). Failure To File Motion For Acquittal:

Contrary to what the STATE and Petitioner's trial Counsel stated in their Responses that there were no basis for a Judgment of Acquittal, the petitioner contend otherwise. IF trial counsel had properly investigated, interviewed 2 key witnesses, adequately prepared for trial and represented or argued the case from the perspective in which petitioner cited herein for counsel's ineffectiveness, then Petitioner was entitled to Judgment of Acquittal pursuant to Rule 29 of the Criminal Rules. Because the STATE's witnesses testified falsely against Petitioner to cover up their own involvement in these crimes, Petitioner contend it would have been appropriate for the trial court to take the case from the jury and direct a verdict of Judgment of Acquittal in Petitioner's favor. See, STATE v. Biter, 119 A.2d 894 (Del.Super. 1955). A Judgment of Acquittal denies the sufficiency of the evidence and challenges the STATE's right to go to the jury. Id. at 898. It is only where the STATE has offered insufficient evidence to sustain

A verdict of guilt that a motion For Acquittal will be granted. Id.

Wherefore, this Court must determine had Petitioner's trial counsel properly argued the available evidence that someone other than petitioner committed these crimes, under the circumstances would the trial court granted a motion For Judgment of Acquittal had counsel Filed a motion after the State rested its case. Counsel's errors and Accumulated omissions prejudiced the rights of Petitioner to receive due process of law in a timely Fashion throughout the trial proceedings in violation of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(K). Petitioner Was Denied Of His
6th Amendment Right To
Effective Assistance Of
Counsel On Direct Appeal :

On appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court, trial counsel escalated his gross misconduct by using the incriminating statements he intentionally elicit From Ms. West on re-cross examination, Forcing her by threat of revoking her Sentence of probation For drug convictions, to corroborate State's witness Kenyon Horsey's testimony that

Ms. West told him that **petitioner** shot the victim. (See, Proposed Amended Claim "A" on page 2 to 5 of Letter To Judge Graves Exhibit "B" attached). Also, **Petitioner clarified his position on Ms. West's 3507 out-of-court statement allegedly made to Mr. Horsey herein above on page 5 to 7.**

Trial counsel impermissibly referred to the incriminating testimony elicited from Ms. West and recited her confirmation to the statement that she told Mr. Horsey that **petitioner** shot the victim. (See Counsel's Opening Brief To The Supreme Court page 27 to 33).

The Delaware Supreme Court may have rejected **petitioner's appeal issue relating to the trial court's instructions on the admission and limited use of Ms. West's alleged prior out-of-court statement** because it thought the statement was the proper product of 11 Del. C. § 3507(a) voluntariness. See, Hatcher v. State, Del. Supr. 337 A.2d 30 (1975) and State v. Rooks, Del. Supr. 401 A.2d 943 (1979), holding that 3507 statements must be voluntary product of free will. Also See,

Supreme Court's Order Affirming petitioner's conviction Reed v. State, Del. Supr. CT. No. 44, 2001 (Order July 12, 2001), Walsh, J. page 2 & 3 where it appears the Court thought Ms. West's alleged

out-of-court statement was voluntary and properly tested on direct and cross examinations for reliability and trustworthiness.

Had the Supreme Court known that trial counsel elicit the incriminating testimony on re-cross examination creating the inconsistency in Ms. West's continuous denial on direct and cross examinations of ever telling Mr. Horsey that **petitioner** shot the victim, then the Court may have ruled differently that counsel's misconduct violated **petitioner's** 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination and that because Ms. West was threatened with her prior drug conviction to recant her denial of the out-of-court statement to Mr. Horsey, the voluntariness requirement pursuant to 11 Del.C.S. 3507 was not satisfied prior to admitting the statement under D.R.E. 801(d)(2)(A) and D.R.E. 613(c) and (d). See United States v. Mannino, 212 F.3d 835, 845 (3d Cir. 2000) (counsel's failure to raise the sentencing issue on direct appeal prejudiced defendant because the Court would have vacated sentence had the claim been raised).

The Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment guarantees the right to effective assistance of counsel on a first appeal. See Evitts v. Lucey,

469 U.S. 387, 396-99 (1985). IF counsel "entirely fails to subject the prosecution's case to meaningful adversarial testing"; As is the case here, the Adversarial process itself becomes presumptively unreliable.

See, United States v. Cronie, 466 U.S. 648, 659 (1984). Trial Counsel's errors or misconduct in the case at bar acting as a second prosecutor constituted denial of assistance of counsel and court need not establish actual prejudice. See, Rickman v. Bell, 121 F.3d 1150, 1156-60 (6th Cir. 1997).

Therefore any subsequent Jury Instructions for consideration of Ms. West's alleged 3507 statement were constitutionally infirm and plain error.

Conclusion

Wherefore there exist an overwhelming probability that but for trial counsel's accumulated errors and omissions in the pretrial stage, at trial and on appeal the Courts would have entertained a different result.

Thus, since Strickland prejudice is satisfied on one or all counsel's trial errors complained of herein and attached exhibits "A", "B" and "C", the resulting convictions and sentences imposed upon petitioner for murder and weapon offenses are unworthy of confidence in their outcomes. Petitioner is entitled to a new trial as appropriate Habeas corpus relief.

Argument

XI. The state court Violated The Federal constitutional by not concluding That petitioner's Trial counsel Deprive Him of His 6th Amendment Right To Effective Assistance of Counsel For Failing To properly IN Vestigate And subpoena Two crucial Defense witnesses who would support petitioner's story That kenyon Horsey committed The crime

Scope And Standard of Review

Whether or not trial counsel Failed to investigate properly is reviewed under the performance and prejudice test of Strickland v. Washington 466 U.S. 668 (1984). The standard and scope of Review Applicable to this issue is whether the state court abused its broad discretion in denying that petitioner's Strickland claim in the postconviction relief proceeding. Shockley v. State 565 A.2d 1373 1377. Del. (1989).

Argument

Prior to the commencement of trial petitioner made several requests to his trial counsel to in interview And subpoena Jerome Reed And Keyshawn Banks. Mr. J Reed would have testified that he observed kenyon Horsey

Shoot and Kill Gregory Howard as Howard drove away in his Ford Bronco near the Little Creek Apartment complex. (See Jerome Reed's Affidavit A-102 to 103).

Although petitioner was unable to locate and obtain an Affidavit From Keyshawn Banks, however petitioner expect that Mr. Banks will confirm that he possess personal knowledge that he was with State's witness Reshawn Jefferson on the night of the crime in question and that Mr. Jefferson did not actually witness the shooting as he testified to under oath at petitioner's trial that he observed petitioner standing close to the murder victim's Ford Bronco as the victim speed away. (T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 68, A-22, 23).

a. The Trial Court and State's Attack
On Jerome Reed's Credibility Was
Improper.

At the Evidentiary Hearing the trial court and State wrongfully attacked and discredited Jerome Reed's Affidavit with unsubstantiated accusations that Mr. Reed and petitioner fabricated the facts while housed in the same cell together at the Delaware Correctional Center (DCC). To support these false attacks on Mr. Reed's and petitioner's credibilities the

trial court and STATE'S Attorney relied on the testimony from Sonya Lewis, a DCC employee, who testified that **she assigns inmates to cells at DCC. Petitioner contend** that Ms. Lewis falsely stated that from May 10, 2004 to June 22, 2004 the petitioner and J. Reed were cellmates with Jerome on the top bunk and petitioner on the bottom bunk. (See Super. Ct. Decision pg. 26 at par 3 (A-146)). Ms. Lewis based these false conclusions off of a computer print-out sheet and a personal index card. (See Evidentiary Hearing Transcripts pg. 125 to 135 Lewis (A-105 to A-105)). However these records are not accurate.

Petitioner contend that at all times prior to obtaining Jerome Reed's Affidavit he was housed in building 22 and Mr. J. Reed was housed in building 23. The Daily Log Books for these specific units (buildings 22 and 23) will verify the actual dates and times when **petitioner and Mr. Reed enter these units.** Therefore before this court rule on this issue it should subpoena the Daily Log Books for Buildings 22 and 23 of the Maximum Housing Unit (The MHU) for the months of May 2004 to June 22, 2004, the dates the state **falsely claim J. Reed and petitioner were housed together in building 22 and same cell,**

The State also attack J. Reed's credibility with testimony from State Police Officer, Matthew Zolper. (See Super. Ct. decision pg. 25, A-145).

Mr. Zolper merely testified that J. Reed was a past Confidential Informant who could no longer be trusted or relied upon. (See Zolper Testimony Evid. Hr. Tr. pg. 139 to 143 (A-106 to A- 120).

However **petitioner** remind this court that **Ms. Lewis** and Mr. Zolper are the arm of the State and owes a Bonding interest to the State. Outside these two State Official witnesses, the only other attacks on the averments contained in Jerome Reed's sworn Affidavit by the State is that: "Since Mr. Reed and **petitioner** don't know each other then it is highly suspicious how **petitioner** obtained Mr. Reed's Affidavit out of the blue. (See Super. Ct. decision par 1, pg. 26 (A-146). This minor discrepancy can easily be explained. An inmate **Writ** written by the **name James Riley** who assisted **petitioner** with filing his postconviction and who was housed in building 23 with Jerome Reed became aware through prior unrelated legal discussions with Mr. Reed that Mr. Reed possessed **material information concerning petitioner's case**. (See Affidavit of J. Riley A-153 to 155). Mr. Riley provided Mr. Reed with the necessary last names of the people involved in **petitioner's case** in which Mr. Reed only knew on First name basis. In no way did Mr. Riley provide Mr. Reed with any other facts **concerning the petitioner's case**. The fact that Mr. Reed may have gotten someone else to re-write his

Affidavit is not proof he is not the author of the sworn statements therein in which he signed personally under the penalty of perjury for any false statements sworn to therein. (See Super. CT. decision pg. 26, par 5 (A-146)).

Lastly, the STATE ATTACK petitioner's credibility by claiming that petitioner first advanced an alibi that he was asleep at his Grandmother's house when the shooting occurred, but subsequently at trial during his testimony petitioner changed his alibi and now state he was present at the scene of the crime and that another suspect, Kenyon Horsey, did the actual shooting. (See Super. CT. decision pg. 13 and pg. 4, par. 3 (A-133)).

The petitioner continue to deny that he never agreed with his trial counsel on advancing the first alibi defense. His trial counsel acted on his own with this alibi. And the State cannot and have not produced any evidence that petitioner supported his trial counsel's defense strategy. Thus this is the very reason why petitioner is claiming his trial counsel provided ineffective assistance. (See page 3-4 of Super. CT. decision Ground 2 where that statement concerning the alleged alibi at petitioner's grandmother's house originated (A-123, 124))

The trial court stated at page 27 of its decision (A-147) Quote: in reviewing the testimony of the trial witnesses, there is a harmonious, consistent report of what occurred; that defendant, Mr. Bacon and their lady friends were at the utility box near

the entrance of Little Creek Apartments; and Mr. Bacon and defendant serviced the drive-by customers as to their drugs needs; that defendant was Flammed or ripped off by a customer who tried to drive away without paying and defendant pulled his Firearm and shot him. Unquote, the trial Court uses Mr. Bacon and the lady Friends interchangeably with the crime as though they eye-witnessed the shooting incident. However, All of these people testified that they did not see who shot the victim.

Contrary to what the trial Court concluded, the Four **(4) people who claim they witness petitioner shoot the** victim was not... a harmonious, consistent report of what occurred. **Herein below petitioner point out the** fatal inconsistencies (perjury) in the prosecution's Four **(4) witnesses' testimony against him.**

b. Materiality of Jerome Reed's Affidavit

The sworn averments contained in J. Reed's Affidavit demonstrate that trial counsel's decision not to subpoena J. Reed as a defense witness was not reasonable and **prejudiced petitioner's defense that someone else** (Kenyon Horsey) committed the crime.

First, petitioner has a constitutional right under both State and Federal Law to put on "evidence of the same character tending to identify some other

person as perpetrator of the crime". See D.R.E 404 (b) and Jones v. Wood, 207 F.3d 557, 562-63 (9th Cir. 2000).

The Jones' court held that before evidence implicating another suspect can be admitted, "there must be such proof of connection with the crime, such as a train of facts or circumstances as tend clearly to point out some one beside the accused as the guilty party". Id. at 562. Furthermore the Jones' court concluded that ... "because the other suspect evidence was admissible under Washington law, Jones has established Strickland prejudice," from counsel's failure to present such evidence at trial. Id. at 563.

Second, evidence of motive, ability and opportunity for a third person to commit a crime is not sufficient foundation for the introduction of other suspect evidence. Id. at 562. Such evidence must be "coupled with other evidence tending to connect such other person with the actual commission of the crime charged". Id. However a lesser foundational restriction applies to cases involving circumstantial proof of crime:

If the prosecution's case against the defendant is largely circumstantial, then the defendant may neutralize or overcome such evidence by presenting sufficient evidence of the same character tending to identify some other person as the perpetrator of the crime.

See, Jones, 207 F.3d at 562-63 (citing) State v. Clark,

78 Wash. App. 471, 898 P.2d 854, 858 (1995).

Applying this Law to the Facts of this case which is consistent with D.R.E 404(b), the averments contained in J. Reed's sworn Affidavit that he witnessed Kenyon Horsey and Yvonne Deshields engaged in a conversation with the victim G. Howard at which time a hand to hand transaction of some sort was made and as the victim pulled (speeded) away fast in his Ford Bronco, Mr. J. Reed observed Mr. Horsey pull out a handgun and fired multiple shots at the fleeing vehicle. (See J. Reed's Affidavit A-102, A-103). Mr. Reed also stated that he observed Mr. Horsey hand Ms. Deshields the handgun and she walked off quickly towards the Graveyard. (Affidavit pg. 2 A-103)

Lastly, Mr. J. Reed stated that just prior to the shooting he observed Ms. Deshields get into the victim's vehicle and drive around the block before meeting up with Kenyon Horsey. Id.

In contrast Mr. Horsey and Ms. Deshields, two of the State's chief witnesses against petitioner at trial, both testified that petitioner committed the crime. Mr. Horsey accused a third person, Sharnelle West, of telling him that petitioner "had shot the man" (victim) in which Ms. West was coerced by petitioner's own trial counsel and trial Judge into corroborating that incriminating accusation. (See Argument XII herein below beginning at page 75)

The STATE's case was purely circumstantial consisting of Four (4) witnesses' (including Ms. Deshields) testimonies which were all inconsistent with their geographic locations from where they claim to have witnessed the crime take place at a far distant through the foggy night inclement weather conditions over Fifty or more yards away. The total of seven (7) witnesses Deshields (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 159, A-15), Jefferson (T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 66, A-22), Hopkins (T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 32, A-21), Dixon (T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 150, A-24), Mrs. Reed (T.Tr. 87, A-62) Officer Holcumb (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 99 & 109, A-3, 4), and Officer Marvel (T.Tr. Vol. C, pg. 60, A-4a), all testified that it was extremely foggy and damp the night of the incident. Also Jerome Reed testified at the evidentiary hearing that it was "really foggy out." (A-104).

There was evidence that both Mr. Horsey and petitioner possessed .380 caliber handguns of the same type used in the shooting a couple days before. (T.Tr. Vol. C, pg. 224 Horsey A-61 and Vol. E, pg. 12 Travis Johnson A-63).

In summation petitioner's trial counsel pointed out in his closing arguments that it is mathematically impossible for STATE's witnesses Juanita Hopkins and Sarah Handy to see the shooting incident from inside their apartment windows going on around the corner at the entrance way. (T.Tr. Vol. E, pg. 168 to 170 (A-64 to A-66)).

Thus, the exculpatory circumstantial evidence contained in J. Reed's Affidavit is proof that Mr. Horsey and Ms. Deshields are the actual perpetrators of the crimes to which **PETITIONER** WAS FALSELY ACCUSED BY THESE STATE'S witnesses.

To prove this connection even further Ms. Deshields' own trial testimony is conducive on this fact. For instance, Ms. Deshields stated: (a) on the night of the crime she seen the victim's vehicle at the entrance way to Little Creek Apartments and that he passed her on the street by the graveyard (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 129, A-7); (b) that the victim occasionally speak to her and ask's her where to buy drugs (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 130, A-8); and (c) she had a bullet casing from the handgun that was used to shoot the victim (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 153 to 155, A-11 to A-13). (Compare these factors from Ms. Deshields' testimony with the averments contained in J. Reed's Affidavit).

Although Ms. Deshields testified that the victim asked her where he could buy drugs, however she never stated that she referred the victim to the **PETITIONER AS A POSSIBLE CUSTOMER. A matter of fact,** Ms. Deshields testified that she purchased drugs on the night of the crime but stated she did not buy it from the **PETITIONER.** (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 158 and 169 (A-14, A-17)).

The counsel should have argued to the jury with this evidence that it is only logical to assume that if the victim asked Ms. Deshields where to purchase drugs (and admitted that she actually purchase drugs that night also), that of course, she referred the victim to the same person she purchased her drugs from.

Petitioner contend (and trial counsel should have argued), that that person Ms. Deshield referred the victim to for the purchase of drugs was in fact Kenyon Horsey which is supported by the sworn Affidavit of J. Reed who eyewitnessed the entire transaction.

c. Ms. Deshields' Testimony Show
That State's Witness Sarah Handy
Was Involved In This Crime

In addition to the above trial counsel failed to use the inconsistencies in Ms. Deshields' testimony to discredit Sarah Handy's testimony about witnessing **petitioner pointing and shooting a gun at the victim's vehicle.**

First, Ms. Deshields testified that on the night of the crime she went to a friend's (Herman Dark's) housed by the Deli and brought some drugs and something to drink. (T.Tr. Vol. A, pg. 129, A-5). She heard female voices saying: "I don't believe you'll

do it and then heard gunshots over from where voices were coming from". (T.Tr.Vol.A, pg. 128, A-6). The Female statement "I don't believe you'll do it", can be interpreted as an utterance to shoot the victim. Ms.

DeShields went on to state that the shots came from the area "down the creek in front of the bench".

(T.Tr.Vol.A, pg. 128, A-6). When asked on cross-examination: "who were the people sitting on the bench near the creek by Little Creek Apartments entrance-way where the shooting occurred", Ms.

DeShields replied: "That Sarah, Bacon and another unknown female were sitting on a bench three or

Four Feet away from where petitioner was shooting

the gun". (T.Tr.Vol.A, pg. 131, 132, 160, 161 (A-9 to 10 and A-16 to 17)). However, Sarah (Handy) testified that she

observed the entire shooting from her bedroom window at building #107. (T.Tr.Vol.A, pg. 188 to 190, A-18 to A-20).

Petitioner note again for the record the building #107 is facing away to the side of the entrance way to Little Creek Apartments which makes it totally impossible for Ms. Handy to have witnessed the shooting from her bedroom window.

Ms. DeShields' testimony place Sarah Handy three or four feet away from the shooting. Thus, Jerome Reed's Affidavit place Ms. DeShields at the scene of the shooting with Kenyon Horsey as

CONFIRMED by her own trial testimony. The clear implication FROM MS. DESHIELDS' testimony regarding the UNKNOWN Female sitting on the bench with MS. HANDY WAS IN FACT MS. DESHIELDS herself.

Thus, the question becomes - "which OF the two Females (DESHIELDS or HANDY) stated 'I don't believe you'll do it', meaning urging the person with the gun to shoot the victim"? **THIS IS THE QUESTION PETITIONER'S** trial counsel should have investigated prior to trial and proffered AS A primary defense during trial. The question AND ANSWER about who actually shot and killed the victim **GREGORY HOWARD WERE NEVER RESOLVED AT PETITIONER'S TRIAL.**

Therefore, under the Jones standard (which is very similar to the SUFFICIENCY OF evidence test) this evidence OF the same character tending to identify some other person AS the perpetrator OF the, "such AS A train OF Facts AND circumstances demonstrated herein above, WAS admissible under D.R.E 404(b). **IN ADDITION, PETITIONER** point out that the prosecution's theory (AS argued in summation) that there was NO other person who could **HAVE COMMITTED THE CRIME, A THEORY THAT PETITIONER WAS** entitled to rebut once the prosecution relied upon it. Jones, 207 F.3d AT 563. **PETITIONER** trial counsel's Failure to subpoena J. Reed AS A witness to rebut the prosecution's theory **(AS PETITIONER SET FORTH HEREIN)** WAS grossly unreasonable AND SUFFICIENT to establish

the prejudice needed and required under Strickland to create a reasonable probability in a different outcome but for counsel's errors. This conclusion is premised upon the following summary:

The State's witnesses, as shown above, did not testify truthfully about who in fact possessed the gun and shot the victim. At the very least, "the train of evidence" according to Jones revealed here shows beyond a reasonable doubt that Ms. Deshields, Ms. Handy and Mr. Horsey were actual accomplices to the murder of Gregory Howard which should have been explained to the jury and court by petitioner's trial counsel with a request for a Full Charge instruction on all the lesser included offenses to First degree murder under 11 Del. C. § 271 and 274, e.g. Second degree murder 11 Del. C. § 635, manslaughter 11 Del. C. § 632 or criminally negligent homicide 11 Del. C. § 631. Chance v. State, 685 A.2d 351.

Certainly, the testimonial evidence raises a **contrary conclusion about petitioner being the actual perpetrator of these crimes and that the State's witnesses has placed the blame on petitioner to conceal their own direct involvement in the fatal shooting of the victim Gregory Howard.**

The circumstances of petitioner's case is identical to what happen in Kyles v. Whitley, 514 U.S. 419 (1995), where the actual perpetrator of the crime

provided the investigating police officer with all the evidence and information that led to Kyles arrest and conviction. In reversing Kyles conviction the Supreme Court held at 514 U.S. 419, 454 (That the verdict was not worthy of confidence because the undisclosed evidence would have entitled a jury to find that the eyewitnesses were not consistent in describing the killer, that two out of the four witnesses testimony were unreliable, that the most damning physical evidence was subject to suspicion, that the investigation that produced it was insufficiently probing, and that the principal police witness was insufficiently informed and candid).

Instead of advancing the available same character defense theory that someone else committed the crime, however counsel unreasonably advanced the weak **Alibi defense that petitioner was asleep at his grandmother's house when the shooting occurred, a defense that petitioner did not approve of from the outset of the trial.**

Wherefore there is no way in which the failure of trial counsel to confront the state's witnesses with their grossly inconsistent perjured testimonies or use it as impeachment evidence and Brady evidence that **someone other than petitioner committed these crimes** can be justified as sound trial strategy or a reasonable strategic choice. Thus, the prejudice prong

of Strickland is established. For counsel's trial errors complained of herein above. The Third Circuit Court's Ruling on ineffective assistance of counsel in Berryman v. Morton, 100 F.3d 1089 (1996) **SUPPORT PETITIONER'S CLAIMS** For postconviction relief based upon Jone v. Wood, 201 F.3d 557 (9th Cir. 2000). A contrary ruling would be totally unreasonable to the Federal Law governing this issue. Id. 1092-1102 (The Third Circuit reviewed each of Berryman's claims separately and found that counsel's performance strategy were unreasonable).

Argument

XII. The State Court Violated The Federal Constitutional by Denying petitioner's Claim That His Trial counsel Improperly opened The Door For The State To Introduce ms. west's 3507 statement Violated The petitioner's 5th Amendment Right Against SELF-INCRIMINATION AND 6th Amendment Right To EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

Standard And Scope OF Review

Whether the trial court's decision to admit evidence under the Delaware Rules of Evidence is governed by the Abuse of discretion Standard. Smith v. State 669 A2d 1 Del Supr. (1995). This court review ineffective assistance claims under the totality of the circumstances standard set forth in Renai v. State 450 A2d 382, 384 (Del. 1982).

Argument

At the petitioner's trial prosecution called Keyon Horsey as a witness to testify about a prior out-of-court hearsay oral statement allegedly made to him by Sharnelle West that the petitioner had shot the man (Victim). (T. Tr. Vol. C pg. 221, 222 (A-59 to A-61 Horsey)). The prosecution sought to introduce ms. West's prior statement under 11 Del. C. § 3507 which requires that the witness (ms. West) must testify on direct examination concerning both the events perceived or heard and the out-of-court statement.

See RAY V. STATE Del. Supr. 587 A.2d 439 (1991). As in RAY, the declarant ms. west did testify at trial but refused to testify about events perceived, denying that she ever told Kenyon Horsey that the petitioner shot the victim. T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 160 thru 192 west's direct, cross and redirect testimony A-25 thru A-58).

At this point the state's Foundation for introducing ms. west's 3507 out-of-court statement through mr. Horsey's testimony was improper because ms. west refused to testify about the events she perceived. (See, super. court's decision pg. 16, A-136).

petitioner's trial counsel then save the day for the prosecution by re-calling ms. west back to the witness stand to impeach her credibility although she testified in petitioner's favor on direct and cross examination. Then counsel impermissibly directed the state's attention to ms. west's prior criminal record which indicates that they should use it to threaten ms. west to change her previous testimony when re-called to the witness stand.

T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 183 to 187, (A-48 to A-51), when ms. west failed again to admit on cross examination that she told mr. Horsey that petitioner shot the victim (T.Tr. Vol. B, pg. 187 to 189, A-51 & A-52) and after trial counsel concluded his cross of ms. west who testimony was favorable, counsel told the court that regardless of its

ruling on the 3507 requirements he is going to impeach ms. west. (T. Tr. Vol. B, pg. 189 to 191, A-52 to A-54).

However, Again, on re-direct examination ms. west provided FAVORABLE testimony For the defense in which she continue to deny the oral out-of-court statement to mr. Horsey that petitioner had shot the victim. (T. Tr. Vol. B, pg. 191, 192 A-54, 55).

At this point trial counsel should have requested the trial court to declare a mistrial due to the jury being over exposed to the improper and UNSUBSTANTIATED 3507 INCRIMINATING statement by mr. Horsey which ms. west denies ever making to him. Instead, trial counsel recalled ms. west back to the witness stand the next day For re-cross examination at which time ms. west testified differently and now admitted to telling mr. Horsey that petitioner had shot the victim. T. Tr. Vol. D, pg. 15-16. (A-57, A-58)

ms. west's allege prior out-of-court statement to mr. Horsey WAS corroborated by ms. west on re-cross examination by petitioner's own trial counsel (A-57, 58) which satisfied the "consistent or inconsistent" elements OF S 3507, however the trial court did not admit ms. west's prior statement under s 3507 because the proponent party seeking to introduce the allege evidence was the prosecution, not the defense. For this reason the trial court (who also participated in this illegal conduct)

Admitted ms. west's coerced out-of-court prior statement under D.R.E. 801(d)(1)(A) AND D.R.E. 613(c) & (d) For impeachment purposes only to be weighed against the credibility of both ms. west and mr. Horsey. (see Trial court's Jury INSTRUCTIONS T. Tr. Vol. D. pg. 11 thru 14 (A-149 to A-152)).

Although ms. west's coerced out-of-court statement was admitted under Rule 801 and 613, it is still the product of § 3507 and the requirement that it be voluntary is still govern by § 3507(a) (e.g. it must be voluntary consistent or voluntary inconsistent).

This gross misconduct by the trial court, the prosecution and petitioner's counsel violated petitioner's 5th Amendment Right Against Self-incrimination prohibiting a defendant from offering evidence against him or her self, because the state, the court and petitioner's counsel intentionally elicit (or forced) ms. west to corroborate mr. Horsey's unsubstantiated allegations that petitioner had shot the victim also defy the principle of § 3507 that the prior statement must be voluntary, and furthermore provided the otherwise impermissible prerequisite foundation for the prosecution's introduction of ms. west's § 3507 statement through mr. Horsey's testimony (who is the actual declarant of the incriminating statement).

The Delaware Supreme Court expound on this very problem in Smith v. State 669 A.2d 1 (Del. Supr. 1995)

(IF he cross examined Anderson about the statement before it had been offered as evidence, Smith would be calling the jury's attention to a damning statement made by a witness

who testified in his favor on direct examination).

Id. At 7-8.

This sort of misconduct by counsel "... must rank as a striking instance of ineffective assistance of counsel." See Berryman v. Morton, 100 F.3d 1089, 1099-1100 (3d cir. 1996) (Berryman's Attorney "proceeded relentlessly to elicit the irrelevant testimony that was so damaging to his"). Id. At 1100.

To add to the already prejudicial effect, since the jury was instructed to weigh the credibility of ms. west and mr. Horsey regarding whether or not the out-of-court statement that "petitioner shot the victim" was made, then trial counsel's actions on re-cross examination impermissibly weighed in favor of mr. Horsey's credibility and since ms. west confirmed the statement the jury could construed such admission by ms. west as substantive evidence that she actually saw petitioner shot the victim as the prosecution contend she did on direct and re-direct examination and which is the essential element charging petitioner with first degree intentional murder. (T. Tr. Vol. B, pg. 180 to 184 and 192 A-45 to 49 and A-55 to 58).

Lastly, the trial court abused its discretion in admitting this evidence because 53507 (a) require that an out-of-court statement be voluntary. The clear implications in the trial record show that ms. west was threaten with her prior drug conviction and probational sentence (subjected to being revoked by the court), to recant her previous favorable testimony and admit that she now had told

Mr. Horsey that the petitioner shot the victim. Under Delaware Law a statement that was prompted by mental or physical coercion, or by duress or intimidation, is not voluntary because it was not the product of a free will. See, State v. Rooks, Del. Supr. 401 A.2d 943 (1979).

Wherefore for the reasons set forth in the arguments above this court shall reverse the superior court's October 5, 2005 decision denying postconviction relief and grant the petitioner a new trial on his habeas corpus.

Argument

XIII. The state court violated The Federal Constitutional by Trial counsel Failed To Request A Full Chance Instruction on The Lesser Included offenses of murder as established in Chance v. State 685 A2d 351 (1996)

Scope And Standard Of Review

Standard And Scope of Review Full Chance Instruction on the lesser included offenses of murder. Chance v. State 685 A2d 351 (1996)

Argument

Trial counsel should have requested the trial court to give the jury a Full Chance v. State 685 A2d 351 (1996) instruction on the lesser included offenses of murder. There was circumstantial evidence introduced at trial that Kenyon Horsey and petitioner were confederate in a conspiracy to sell illegal drugs. Trial court permitted the prosecution to introduce the prior drug dealing activities through the testimony of Kenyon Horsey pursuant to D.R.E 404(b) as probative value to show motive and intent because there was evidence that the victim was fatally shot during a drug transaction (Tr.C-222,223 Horsey). There was

Evidence that both Horsey and Petitioner Reed possessed 380 caliber handguns of the same type used in the shooting a couple days before. (Tr. C-224 Horsey and E-12 Travis Johnson). Also, Horsey was in the vicinity at the time of the shooting. (Tr. C-220). In contrast, Horsey blame Petitioner for the shooting and the Petitioner contend that Horsey committed the crime.

In summation Petitioner's trial counsel pointed out in his closing arguments that it is mathematically impossible for State's witnesses Juanita Hopkins and Sarah Handy to see the shooting incident from inside their apartment windows going on around the corner at the entrance way. (Tr. E-168 to 170). Certainly Hopkins and Handy would need a hovertlescope to witness the shooting incident around the corner from apartment window. Likewise, it was impossible for the other state witnesses to see (let alone positively identify) the gunman over fifty (50) or more yards away on one of the foggiest nights. The total of seven (7) witnesses Desheilds (Tr. A-159), Jefferson (Tr. B-66), Hopkins (Tr. B-32), Dixon (Tr. B-150), Mrs. Reed (Tr. 87), Officer Holcomb (Tr. A-99, A-109) and Officer Marvel (Tr. C-60). All testified that it was extremely foggy and damp the night of the incident. Under these exceptional circumstances and despite the state's decision to promise Horsey immunity from prosecution for the illegal drugs conspiracy, the principle of accomplice liability still applies pursuant to 11 Del. C. § 271 and 274 for conduct reasonably foreseeable or facilitated. See Johnson v. State, 711 A2d 18, 30-31 (Del. Supr. 1998).

Argument

VX. The state court violated the Federal Constitutional by Trial Counsel Fail To Raise Brady Violation That The prosecution Failed To Inform Him that they Had Implicitly promised mr. Horsey Immunity From prosecution on the murder charge AS AN ACCOMPLICE Brady v. Maryland 373 U.S. 83, 83 S. Ct. 1194, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215 (1963) Violated petitioner 6th Amendment Right

Scope And Standard OF Review

Standard And scope OF Review Brady Violation Prosecution Failed to inform petitioner that they implicitly promised mr. Horsey immunity From prosecution on the murder charge AS AN ACCOMPLICE to petitioner in violation OF Brady v. Maryland 373 U.S. 83, 83 S. Ct. 1194, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215 (1963).

Argument

The petitioner contend that the prosecution Failed to inform him that they had implicitly promised mr. Horsey immunity From prosecution on the murder charge AS AN ACCOMPLICE to petitioner in violation OF Brady v. Maryland 373 U.S. 83, 83 S. Ct. 1194, 10 L. Ed. 2d 215 (1963). When the Brady issue was addressed by the trial court, the prosecution stated that

They informed Mr. Horsey (quote)... "this is a murder case and if you tell us anything about your drug involvement I'm not here to prosecute you for drug charges. I am here prosecuting a murder case." (unquote) (Tr. C-230, 231). And when Petitioner's trial counsel attempted to question Horsey on cross examination about any promises the state made to him for his testimony against Petitioner, Mr. Horsey failed to disclose the full terms of the deal the prosecution made with him. (Tr. C-238 to 240). Thus the state's actual words to Mr. Horsey that... "I'm not here to prosecute you for drug charges, I am here prosecuting a murder case," implies an implicit promise not to prosecute Horsey on the murder charge if he testifies against Petitioner regarding their drug activities which was introduced as evidence of motive for shooting the victim that reasonably make Horsey an accomplice to the murder if he's there with Petitioner as Petitioner contended he was.

Thus, the information of Horsey's promise not to be prosecuted as an accomplice to the murder had the potential to undermine his credibility by exposing his implicit motive or bias. This improper plea bargaining policy by the state which implicitly dealt out promises for future leniency to circumvent a defendant's 6th Amendment right to effective cross examination of the adverse witnesses against him has been condemned by the Delaware Supreme Court in Jackson v. State, 770 A2d 506 (Del. Supr. 2001). Because Mr. Horsey was the state's primary witness to establish intent and motive

For the murder, coupled with the fact that petitioner had present some evidence that Honsey had actually committed the crime, thus impeaching Honsey's credibility with the full details of the implicit promises could reasonably be taken to put the whole case in such a different light as to undermine confidence in the verdict. JACKSON 770 A2d at 514-516.

Petitioner conclude by asking the court to correct the obvious injustices that are perpetuated against him by trial counsel the prosecution and the court during jury selection and throughout trial.

Argument

XV. The State court violated The Federal Constitutional by Trial Counsel Fail to Filed a motion To suppression hearing That police AFFIDAVIT OF Probable CAUSE AND Arrest warrant WAS Based on FALSE Information AS established in FRANKS V. Delaware 438 US 154, 98 S.Ct. 2674, 57 L.Ed.2d 667 (1978).

Scope And Standard OF Review

Standard AND scope OF Review trial counsel did not File a request For a suppression hearing under FRANKS V. Delaware 438 US, 154, 98 S.Ct. 2674, 57 L.Ed. 2d 667 (1978) Police AFFIDAVIT OF Probable CAUSE in support OF the Arrest warrant against petitioner WAS entirely ON FALSE information.

Argument

Although trial counsel Filed a motion To suppress petitioners Statement to the police in which a hearing was conducted thereon AS the State's Response correctly notes. However counsel did not File a request For a suppression hearing under FRANKS V. Delaware 438 U.S. 154, 98 S.Ct. 2674, 57 LEd. 2d 667 (1978) alleging that the police AFFIDAVIT OF Probable CAUSE in support OF the Arrest warrant against

Petitioner was based entirely on false information from all the states witnesses that the police knew or should have known was inaccurate. But in reckless disregard for the truth, where investigatory facts show that other people were involved in the commission of the murder and the fact that all the money was missing from the victim's wallet found on the seat of the vehicle which indicates that the victim could have been robbed while attempting to purchase drugs, however the police rush to judgment to arrest the petitioner for the crime based upon an unsubstantiated theory that petitioner shot the victim for failing to pay for twenty (\$20) dollars worth of drugs. The police made no attempt to ask the victim's family (wife or brother) or his employee, Michael Houatter, who was with the victim earlier that day how much money he may have possessed on the night of the crime (see Officer Holcomb's testimony about victim's wallet T.Tr. A-107) and employee Houatter's testimony T.Tr. A-116). The victim, a successful business man, had no reason to steal or "rip-off" anybody for drugs or money.

Thus, the facts show that Mrs. Deshields lured the victim Gregory Howard to Mr. Horsey for the purpose of purchasing drugs and they both robbed and killed him.

If trial counsel had filed a timely suppression motion under FRANKS based upon the facts demonstrated in support hereto, it is a reasonable probability the trial court would have dismissed all charges due to invalid arrest warrant.

Argument

XX. The state court violated The Federal constitutional by Trial counsel Failure To File motion For Acquittal Denies The Sufficiency Of The Evidence That Trial proceeding In Violation Of The 14th Amendment To The United States Constitution as established in State v Biter 119 A2d 894 Del. super (1955).

Scope And Standard Of Review

Standard and scope of Review to take the case from the jury and direct a Verdict of Judgment of Acquittal in petitioner Favor see State v. Biter 119 A2d 894 (Del. super. 1955). A Judgment of Acquittal denies the Sufficiency of the Evidence and challenges the states right to go to the jury. Id At 898.

Argument

Contrary to what the state and petitioner trial counsel stated in their Responses that there were no basis for a Judgment of Acquittal. the petitioner contend otherwise. IF trial counsel had properly investigated, interviewed 2 key witnesses adequately, prepared for trial and represented or argued the case from the perspective in which petitioner cited herein for counsel's ineffectiveness, then petitioner was entitled

To Judgment of Acquittal pursuant to Rule 29 of the Criminal Rules. Because the state's witnesses testified falsely against Petitioner to cover up their own involvement in these crimes, Petitioner contend it would have been appropriate for the trial court to take the case from the jury and direct a verdict of judgment of acquittal in Petitioner favor. See State v. Biter, 119 A2d 894 (Del. Super. 1955). A judgment of acquittal denies the sufficiency of the evidence and challenges the state's right to go to the jury. *Id.* at 898. It is only where the state has offered insufficient evidence to sustain a verdict of guilt that a motion for acquittal will be granted. *Id.*

Wherefore, this court must determine had Petitioner's trial counsel properly argued the available evidence that someone other than Petitioner committed these crimes, under the circumstances would the trial court granted a motion for judgment of acquittal had counsel filed a motion after the state rested its case. Counsel's errors and accumulated omissions prejudiced the rights of Petitioner to receive due process of law in a timely fashion throughout the trial proceedings in violation of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Argument

XXI. The state court violated The Federal Constitutional by Trial counsel Denied petitioner of His 6th Amendment Right To Effective Assistance of Counsel on Direct Appeal see Reed v. State No. 44, 2001 order as established in Strickland v. Washington 466 US 668 (1984)

Standard AND Scope OF Review

Standard AND Scope OF Review trial counsel gross misconduct of petitioner's appeal issue relating to the trial court's instructions on the admission and limited use of ms. West's allege prior out-of-court statement because it thought the statement was the proper product of 11 Del. C § 3507(a) Voluntariness. See Hatcher v. State Del. Supr. 337 A2d 30 (1975) AND State v. Rook Del. Supr. 401 A2d 943 (1979) holding that 3507 statements must be voluntary product of free will.

Argument

On Appeal to the Delaware supreme court trial counsel escalated his gross misconduct by using the incriminating statements he intentionally elicit from ms. West on re-cross examination. Forcing her by threat of revoking her sentence of probation for drug convictions, to corroborate state's witness Kenyon Horsey's testimony that ms. West told him that petitioner shot the victim.

(See, proposed Amended Claim 'A' on page 2 to 5 of Letter To Judge Graves Exhibit "B" attached). Also petitioner clarified his position on ms. west's 3507 out-of-court statement allegedly made to mr. Horsey herein above on page 5 to 7.

Trial counsel impermissibly referred to the incriminating testimony elicited from ms. west and recited her confirmation to the statement that she told mr. Horsey that petitioner shot the victim. (see counsel's opening Brief To the Supreme Court page 27 to 33). The Delaware Supreme Court may have rejected petitioner's appeal issue relating to the trial court's instructions on the admission and limited use of ms. west's alleged prior out-of-court statement because it thought the statement was the proper product of 11 Del. C. § 3507(a) Voluntariness. see Hatcher v. State Del. Supr. 337 A2d 30 (1975) and State v. Rooks Del. Supr. 401 A2d 943 (1979), holding that 3507 statement must be voluntary product of free will. Also see Supreme Court's order affirming petitioner's conviction on Reed v. State Del. Supr. Ct. No. 44, 2001 order July 12, 2001). Walsh, J. page 2 & 3 where it (A-172 to A-173) appears the court thought ms. west's alleged out-of-court statement was voluntary and properly tested on direct and cross examinations for reliability and trustworthiness.

Had the Supreme Court known that trial counsel elicited the incriminating testimony on re-cross examination creating the inconsistency in ms. west's continuous denial on direct and cross examinations of ever telling mr. Horsey that petitioner shot the victim, then the court may have ruled differently that counsel's misconduct violated petitioner

5th amendment right against self-incrimination and that because ms. west was threatened with her prior drug conviction to recant her denial of the out-of-court statement to mr. Horsey, the voluntariness requirement pursuant to 11 Del. C. § 3507 was not satisfied prior to admitting the statement under D.R.E. 801(d)(1)(A) and D.R.E. 613(c) and (d). See United States v. Mannino 212 F.3d 835, 845 (3d. cir. 2000) (counsel's failure to raise the sentencing issue on direct appeal prejudiced petitioner because the court would have vacated sentence had the claim been raised). The Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment guarantees the right to effective assistance of counsel on a first appeal. See Evitts v. Lucey 469 U.S. 387, 396 - 99 (1985). IF counsel "entirely fails to subject the prosecution's case to meaningful adversarial testing," as is the case here, the adversarial process itself ~~becomes~~ becomes presumptively unreliable. See United States v. Cronin 466 U.S. 648, 659 (1984). Trial counsel's errors of misconduct in the case at bar acting as a second prosecutor constituted denial of assistance of counsel and court need not establish actual prejudice. See Rickman v. Bell 131 F.3d 1150, 1156-60 (6th cir. 1997). Therefore any subsequent jury instructions for consideration of ms. west's alleged § 3507 statement were constitutionally infirm and plain error.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore there exist an overwhelming probability that but for trial counsel's accumulated errors and omissions in the pretrial stage, at trial and on appeal the courts would have

entertained a different result. petitioner has demonstrated that his Federal Constitutional Rights were violated in the state court proceedings, and that he is entitled to this court's jurisdiction in addressing those constitutional violations. under the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution for the reasons stated within his habeas corpus petition, Thus since Strickland prejudice is satisfied on one or all counsel's trial errors complained of herein. petitioner prays the Honorable Court will grant his habeas corpus and direct that his state convictions be reversed, and on any other relief this court deems necessary.